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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROSENDALE).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 24, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, Sr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

WE MUST ALL STAND FOR LIFE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, there is a reason that we hold our law enforcement, our firefighters, and our paramedics in such high esteem. It is because these men and women are called to protect human life.

As a doctor, I swore an oath to first do no harm, and to protect the sanctity of human life, working to care for those who are vulnerable.

Here in Congress, we also swore an oath to protect our country and to protect our citizens, and that means that we must all stand for life.

I am proud to stand for those who protect human life at all costs. I am proud to have cast my vote in favor of the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, and the Senate must urgently take up this important piece of legislation to protect human life.

Mr. Speaker, we are all called to love children who are created in the image of God. This Nation must bind together and work to protect all of those, both born and unborn, and this Congress must always stand for human life.

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week, we celebrate National School Choice Week, and recognize that parents have the right to choose the school that is best for their children.

For the past 3 years, we have seen lockdowns and curriculum that failed to provide American students with the education that they so desperately need and want. American 9 year-olds have now lost two decades of progress in math and reading after prolonged school shutdowns and closings.

It is clear that parents need to, once again, have a greater say in their children's education. To make sure that that happens, Congress must act to protect these parents by passing the Parents Bill of Rights.

Parents have the right to know what their children are being taught in school. Parents have the right to see their child's school budget and the spending. Parents have the right to protect their children's privacy and to ensure that their children are safe in school.

Congress must commit to passing legislation that puts students and parents first. Let's work to recover the education that was lost during the school shutdowns, and let's work to

create a future that is built on freedom. Freedom for students, freedom for parents, and freedom for families.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANDY MORRIS, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Andy Morris, Jr.

Andy was the son of the late George Randall Morris, Sr., and Tami Benjamin Gane. He grew up in a loving home and was the oldest of three siblings.

Throughout his life, Andy was always very involved with athletics. He was a longtime member of the Brunswick Country Club and, in high school, was a three-sport athlete.

After high school, Andy attended Valdosta State University, and then began his career with the creation of Skippers' Fish Camp. Skippers' Fish Camp became a wildly successful restaurant and one of my favorite places to eat.

Above all, Andy loved being a father to his children, Tripp and Addie. Andy will be remembered as a loving father that always wanted the very best for his children.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Andy and with his family.

RECOGNIZING FIRST BRYAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize First Bryan Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia.

For more than 200 years, First Bryan Baptist Church has been an important cornerstone for the Savannah community. This year, the church is celebrating its 235th anniversary.

In fact, the First Bryan Baptist Church is considered one of the oldest African-American Baptist churches in the United States. The church is

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